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1. I TALKED BRIEFLY TO ADMIRAL PARODI JULY 8 ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AND THEN SPENT AN HOUR WITH HIM AT HIS HOME JULY 12 IN EXTENDED DISCUSSION. IN BRIEF, HIS RESPONSE WAS: (A) HE CANNOT CANCEL PURCHASE OF ANY OF THE SUBMARINES BECAUSE HIS INSTITUTION WOULD NOT PERMIT IT; (B) AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSION IN APRIL HE HAS ALREADY ARRANGED FOR SOME DELAY IN BOTH THE DELIVERY OF AND PAYMENTS FOR THE SUBMARINES; AND, (C) THE USG HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT IN THE GOP BY CONTINUING TO PURSUE THE ARMS ISSUE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ARRANGING TO DELIVER SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS TO ECUADOR.

2. I SAID WE AGREED THAT CANCELLATION WAS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS JUNCTURE. ON POINT (B), PARODI PROFESSED NOT TO RECALL THE DELIVERY AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES BUT PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEM FOR ME. RE POINT (C), THE ADMIRAL ASSERTED THAT THE GOP HAD RELIABLE INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT WE HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE ECUADOR WITH \$200 MILLION IN NEW ARMS. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING

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AGAINST ECUADOR, AND IN FACT WOULD BE MAKING AN OFFICIAL VISIT THERE SHORTLY AT ADMIRAL OLMEDO'S INVITATION. BUT, PARODI CONTINUED, THE USG MUST HAVE AN ANTI-PERUVIAN, AND ESPECIALLY AN ANTI-PERUVIAN NAVY, BIAS TO GO ON DELIVERING ARMS TO THIS COUNTRYS NEIGHBORS WHILE REJECTING PERU AT EVERY TURN. HE COMPLAINED BITTERLY IN THAT CONTEXT THAT WE HAD NOT EVEN RESPONDED

TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OUTFITTING A MARINE BATTALION, ONE OF THE NAVY'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES.

3. I RESPONDED WITH A RATHER LENGTHY REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION ARMS POLICY AND A RUNDOWN OF THE FACTS ON THE EXTREMELY MODEST SCALE OF U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES IN SOUTH AMERICA OVER RECENT YEARS. I ALSO OFFERED TO SEND HIM A COPY OF BUSHNELL'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE HIRC. WITH RESPECT TO ECUADOR, I SAID THAT THE INFORMATION REACHING THE GOP WAS SURELY ERRONEOUS; THAT THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL I KNEW OF WAS FOR THE SALE OF A VULCAN/CHAPARREAL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. PARODI SEEMED TO ACCEPT MY ASSURANCES ON THAT SCORE BUT NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF U.S. ARMS FOR ECUADOR HAD COME IN FOR CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IN THE "CABINET".

4. COMMENT: I SHALL KEEP AFTER PARODI FOR THE DELIVERY AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD GIVE HIM OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT THE U.S. IS NOT DELIVERING \$200 MILLION IN ARMS TO ECUADOR, CITING WHAT I ASSUME GIVEN CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURES MUST BE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. AS FOR REF (C), I CAN ONLY OBSERVE THAT ADMIRAL PARODI HAS NEVER ONCE IN MY NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM ON THIS SUBJECT EVIDENCED THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN THE SUBMARINE TORPEDO FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM. IF AND WHEN MR. IZIQUE
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CALLS I INTEND TO MAKE CLEAR TO HIM THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN COMMITMENT FROM THE GOP WOULD BE SOLELY AT SINGER'S INITIATIVE.
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